

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Currently amended) An individual information management system relating to a vehicle and a data center, comprising:

vehicle sending means provided in the vehicle for sending, to the data center, (i) individual information that is pertinent to devices mounted in the vehicle and includes setting information corresponding to the devices and (ii) identification information for identifying the vehicle;

center receiving means provided in the data center for receiving the individual information and the identification information, both of which are sent by the vehicle sending means; and

center storing means provided in the data center for storing the individual information and the identification information, both of which are received by the center receiving means;

vehicle requesting means provided in the vehicle for outputting a request for the data center to send the individual information that is stored in the center storing means and that corresponds to the identification information that accompanies the request;

center selecting means provided in the data center for selecting the individual information stored by the center

storing means based on the identification information accompanying the request;

center sending means provided in the data center for sending, to the vehicle, the individual information selected by the center selecting means;

vehicle receiving means provided in the vehicle for receiving the individual information sent by the center sending means; and

vehicle varying means provided in the vehicle for varying settings of the devices based on the setting information included in the individual information that corresponds to the request outputted by the vehicle requesting means and then received by the vehicle receiving means,

wherein, each time the individual information in the vehicle is determined to be damaged,

the vehicle requesting means outputs the request, which is accompanied by the identification information, for the data center to send an individual information stored in the center storing means and corresponds to the identification information,

then the center selecting means selects the individual information stored by the center storing means responsive to the identification information accompanying the request,

then the center sending means sends, to the vehicle receiving means, the individual information selected by the

center selecting means, and

then the vehicle varying means automatically restores
the damaged individual information using the individual
information that is received by the vehicle receiving means.

2. (Currently amended) The individual information management system of Claim 1, further comprising:

~~center selecting means provided in the data center for selecting the individual information stored by the center storing means based on the identification information;~~

~~center sending means provided in the data center for sending, to the vehicle, the individual information selected by the center selecting means;~~

~~vehicle requesting means provided in the vehicle for requesting the data center to send individual information corresponding to the identification information for identifying the vehicle;~~

~~vehicle receiving means provided in the vehicle for receiving the individual information sent by the center sending means; and~~

vehicle notifying means provided in the vehicle for notifying the identification information received by the vehicle receiving means to a user of the vehicle.

3. (Canceled)

4. (Currently amended) The individual information management system of Claim 1,

~~wherein the individual information includes setting information including setting of the devices, and~~

wherein the vehicle sending means sends, to the data center, the individual information each time the setting of the devices is varied.

5. (Original) The individual information management system of Claim 4, further comprising:

vehicle controlling means provided in the vehicle for controlling states of a door-lock of the vehicle when a given identification code is received from a unit held by a user of the vehicle,

wherein the setting information includes the given identification code.

6. (Original) The individual information management system of Claim 4,

wherein the setting information includes setting information for a given device whose setting is set based on a physical characteristic of a user of the vehicle.

7. (Original) The individual information management system of Claim 6,

wherein the setting information for the given device includes position information of a steering of the vehicle.

8. (Original) The individual information management system of Claim 6,

wherein the setting information for the given device includes position information of a seat of the vehicle.

9. (Original) The individual information management system of Claim 6,

wherein the setting information for the given device includes angle information of at least one of a room mirror, a fender mirror, and a door mirror of the vehicle.

10. (Original) The individual information management system of Claim 4,

wherein the setting information includes setting information for a certain device whose setting is set based on a preference of a user of the vehicle.

11. (Original) The individual information management

system of Claim 10,

wherein the setting information for the certain device includes adjustment information of a suspension of the vehicle.

12. (Original) The individual information management system of Claim 10,

wherein the setting information for the certain device includes driving characteristic information of an engine of the vehicle.

13. (New) An individual information management system relating to a vehicle and a data center, comprising:

communicating means for data communicating between the vehicle and the data center;

registering means provided in the vehicle for registering, with the data center, register information that includes (i) individual information including setting data corresponding to devices mounted in the vehicle and (ii) identification information for identifying the vehicle by using the communicating means;

storing means provided in the data center for storing the register information registered by the registering means;

requesting means provided in the vehicle for sending to the data center via the communicating means a request for

obtaining the individual information that is stored in the storing means and corresponding to the identification information that accompanies the request;

selecting means for sending the individual information stored in the center storing means to the vehicle via the communicating means by selecting the individual information based on the identification information accompanying the request sent by the requesting means; and

varying means provided in the vehicle for varying the setting data of the devices based on the setting data included in the individual information that is sent by the selecting means,

wherein, each time the individual information in the vehicle is determined to be damaged, the requesting means outputs the request and then the vehicle varying means automatically restores the damaged individual information using the individual information sent by the selecting means.

14. (New) A method used in an individual information management system relating to a vehicle and a data center, both of which communicate data with each other using communicating means, the method comprising the steps of:

registering, from the vehicle to the data center, register information that includes (i) individual information

including setting data corresponding to devices mounted in the vehicle and (ii) identification information for identifying the vehicle, via the communicating means;

storing, in the data center, the registered register information;

sending, from the vehicle to the data center via the communicating means, a request for obtaining the individual information that is stored in the data center and corresponding to the identification information that accompanies the request;

selecting and sending to the vehicle the individual information stored in the data center responsive to the identification information accompanying the request;

varying the setting data of the devices responsive to the setting data included in the individual information sent from the data center,

wherein, each time the individual information in the vehicle is determined to be damaged, the request is outputted and then the damaged individual information is automatically restored using the individual information sent from the data center.

15. (New) The individual information management system of Claim 1, wherein the individual information is determined to be damaged responsive to a parity check.

16. (New) The individual information management system of Claim 1, wherein the individual information is determined to be damaged responsive to a CRC method.